

Appl. No. 10/822,372
Amdt. dated January 31, 2007
Reply to Office action of January 3, 2007

Remarks/Arguments

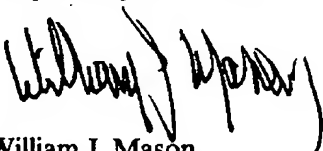
In response to the Examiner's restriction requirement, applicant elects the species shown in Fig. 7 for prosecution.

In applicant's view, all claims pending in this application are readable on this species. Note in particular that the only major difference between independent Claim 1, said to be generic, and independent Claim 8, is the requirement that the conduits are arrayed in a rectangular or diamond-shaped configuration. This configuration is shown in both Figs. 1 and 7. At least the following claims are believed to clearly read on the elected species: 1, 3-5, 21-26 and 30.

If the Examiner does not agree with applicant's interpretation of the requirement, the Examiner is requested to telephone applicant at the telephone number below so that this issue can be resolved and an action on the merits can be received.

An action on the merits is respectfully solicited.

Respectfully submitted,



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